<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

(Claims 13, 14, 17-24, and 27-32 have been amended)

1-12. (Previously canceled)

13. (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ <u>the</u> method comprising:

testing the user on ~~said~~ <u>at least one area of the</u> subject after materials on ~~said~~ <u>the</u> subject has been presented for the user to learn;

generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least a relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ <u>the</u> subject; and

analyzing ~~said~~ <u>the</u> test results using ~~said~~ <u>the</u> relationship rule to generate a recommendation,

wherein the method further comprises selecting ~~materials~~ <u>an area</u> for the user to <u>work on, and</u> ~~review, with said materials previously being assessed to have been learnt by the user~~ <u>wherein the user previously has been assessed to have achieved a certain satisfactory level of understanding in the area after the presentation of materials regarding the area to the user.</u>

14. (Currently Amended)   The method as set forth in claim 13, wherein:

testing the user ~~on said subject~~ comprises testing the user on a plurality of areas; wherein

the subject includes a broad area and a narrow area, with the broad area covering the narrow area; and

the recommendation can be on the broad area or the narrow area.

15. (Previously Presented)   The method as set forth in claim 13, wherein based on the recommendation, materials are presented to the user to allow the user to practice on the subject so as to further enhance the user's understanding in the subject.

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16. (Previously Presented)   The method as set forth in claim 13, wherein the user is allowed to be involved in an interactive exploration to learn about the subject.

17. (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject after materials on ~~said~~ the subject has been presented for the user to learn;

generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least a relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject; and

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation,

wherein the method further comprising identifying a ~~relationship item~~ relationship area for learning, ~~said~~ the relationship area ~~relationship item~~ relating an area and another area of the subject, with ~~said another area being an area previously being assessed to have been learnt by the user.~~ the user previously being assessed to have achieved a certain level of understanding in the another area.

18. (Currently Amended)   The method as set forth in claim 17, further comprising selecting an area for the user to work on, wherein the user previously has been assessed to have achieved a certain satisfactory level of understanding in the area after the presentation of materials regarding the area to the user ~~to review, with said area previously being assessed to have been learnt by the user~~.

19. (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject after materials on ~~said~~ the subject has been presented for the user to learn;

generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least one relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject; and

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation; and

determining a reward for ~~said~~ the user.

20. (Currently Amended)   The method as set forth in claim 19, further comprising ~~restricting said~~ determining to restrict the user from enjoying certain materials not for learning ~~said~~ the subject, wherein ~~said~~ the materials require a device to fulfill its entertainment purpose.

21. (Currently Amended)   A computer-implemented method for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the method comprising:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject;

generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least a relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject; and

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation;

wherein the method further comprises ~~restricting said~~ determining to restrict the user from enjoying materials not for learning ~~said~~ the subject, wherein ~~said~~ the materials require a device to fulfill its entertainment purpose.

22. (Currently Amended)   The method as set forth in claim 21, further comprising determining a reward for ~~said~~ the user.

23. (Currently Amended)   A computer readable medium comprising a plurality of instructions for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer, result in the computer:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject after materials on ~~said~~ the subject has been presented for the user to learn;

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generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least a relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject;

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation; and

selecting ~~materials~~ an area for the user to work on ~~review~~, with the user previously being assessed to have achieved a certain satisfactory level of understanding in the area after the presentation of materials regarding the area to the user ~~said materials previously being assessed to have been learnt by the user~~.

24. (Currently Amended)   The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 23, wherein:

testing the user ~~on said subject~~ comprises testing the user on a plurality of areas;

the subject includes a broad area and a narrow area, with the broad area covering the narrow area; and

the recommendation can be on the broad area or the narrow area.

25. (Previously Presented)   The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 23, wherein based on the recommendation, materials are presented to the user to allow the user to practice on the subject so as to further enhance the user's understanding in the subject.

26. (Previously Presented)   The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 23, wherein the user is allowed to be involved in an interactive exploration to learn about the subject.

27. (Currently Amended)   A computer readable medium comprising a plurality of instructions for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer, result in the computer:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject after materials on ~~said~~ the subject has been presented for the user to learn;

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generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least a relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject;

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation; and

identifying a ~~relationship-item~~ relationship area for learning, ~~said~~ the relationship area ~~relationship-item~~ relating an area and another area of the subject, with ~~said another~~ ~~area being an area previously being assessed to have been learnt by the user.~~ the user previously being assessed to have achieved a certain level of understanding in the another area.

28. (Currently Amended)   The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 27, further comprising selecting an area for the user to work on, wherein the user previously has been assessed to have achieved a certain satisfactory level of understanding in the area after the presentation of materials regarding the area to the user ~~to review, with said area previously being assessed to have been learnt by the user~~.

29. (Currently Amended)   A computer readable medium comprising a plurality of instructions for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer, result in the computer:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject after materials on ~~said~~ the subject has been presented for the user to learn;

generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least one relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject;

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation; and

determining a reward for ~~said~~ the user.

30. (Currently Amended)   The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 29, further comprising ~~restricting said~~ determining to restrict the user from

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enjoying certain materials not for learning ~~said~~ the subject, wherein ~~said~~ the materials require a device to fulfill its entertainment purpose.

31. (Currently Amended)   A computer readable medium comprising a plurality of instructions for helping a user learn a subject, the subject having a plurality of areas, ~~said~~ the plurality of instructions, when executed by a computer, result in the computer:

testing the user on ~~said~~ at least one area of the subject;

generating test results from testing the user;

accessing from memory at least one relationship rule to define at least a relationship between at least two ~~different~~ areas of ~~said~~ the subject;

analyzing ~~said~~ the test results using ~~said~~ the relationship rule to generate a recommendation; and
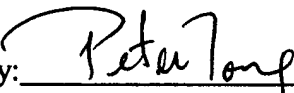
~~restricting said~~ determining to restrict the user from enjoying materials not for learning ~~said~~ the subject, wherein ~~said~~ the materials require a device to fulfill its entertainment purpose.

32. (Currently Amended)   The computer readable medium as set forth in claim 31, further comprising determining a reward for ~~said~~ the user.

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